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MEXICAN NATIONAL LIVING IN BLUE SPRINGS PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGALLY RE-ENTERING THE UNITED STATES

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Mexican national pleaded guilty in federal court today to illegally re-entering the United States.

Gabriel Vizcarra-Garcia, 21, a citizen of Mexico who was living in Blue Springs, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to illegally re-entering the United States after having been previously deported following a conviction for an aggravated felony.

By pleading guilty, **Vizcarra-Garcia** admitted that re-entered the United States after having been deported on Feb. 21, 2003, following a conviction in Platte County, Mo., for possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, **Vizcarra-Garcia** may be subject to a maximum sentence of up to 20 years in federal prison, plus a fine up to \$250,000. **Vizcarra-Garcia's** sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Linda Parker Marshall. It was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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